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Calendar of Events—

March, 2005

March 2—2:00 p.m.
Board of Public Works

March 3—6:45 p.m.
Public Hearing P&Z

March 3—7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning

March 7—Noon
Police & Safety

March 8—7:00 p.m.
Trustees

Note: All meetings /events are held in the Treehouse Condo Club Room unless noted otherwise As of publication, these are the only meetings scheduled.

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Whatsup ? By: Arno Wehr II

Indian Point has attempted to develop sewage treatment solutions for over a decade! Outside engineering advice was, in the past, unproductive and expensive. Recent efforts have created a logical plan and a good, almost affordable solution. "Almost!"

Yeah, it's ambiguous because every time, our Board of Public Works gets close to a cheaper-better way, we run into some down the line bureaucrat who puts a horrendous list of doubting questions about why this or that ad infinitum.

If we were Iraq, we would get all kinds of Federal or State money with no problems. In reality, we are a small Village with BPW volunteers who have put together a plan that has embarrassed local area sewage development groups, engineering firms, and state officials. These people treat our work like a high school football game, but it is not who wins or fails.

So our BPW will keep trying to protect the Village and make sewage disposal affordable. Inch by inch, we will get there (Anyone Speak Farci?).

March 4th thru March 12th Pick Up dates to discard appliances, refrigerators, air conditioners, metal, or copper!

Place the above items by your driveways and they will be picked up on these dates only! There is no charge for this service—Let's all work together to do spring cleaning in the Village!

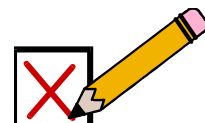
April Election/ Trustees Candidates

In April, the residents of the Village of Indian Point will be electing two Trustees.

Candidates are:

- Jim Daily—Jim has served as a Trustee, member of the Police & Safety Advisory Committee, and Road Commissioner for the past two years. Jim and his wife own White Wing Resort and have two children. Prior to living in the Village, Jim was active in Illinois as a firefighter and paramedic.
- Bill Shafer— Bill and his wife moved to the Village two years ago from Arkansas. Bill is presently teaching school as a substitute teacher and prior to semi-retirement was the school superintendent in Arkansas.
- Brett Stump—Brett has served as Trustee and Chair of the Police and Safety Advisory Committee for the past two years. Brett owns and operates the Indian Point Marina and has been active serving the area for several years.

Vote—Tuesday, April 5, 2005!



TRUSTEES FEBRUARY MEETING

The Board of Trustees met on February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Treehouse Condo Clubroom to review and/or take action on the following:

- Revised agenda approved for the meeting.
- Minutes from the January meeting approved as written.
- January financials reviewed and filed for audit.
- Second Reading, Bill Number 86, Ordinance 05-01 Use of Public & private Sewers was approved and Ordinance adopted.
- First Reading Bill Number 88, Ordinance Number 05-03, Amend Bill Number 67, Ordinance 03-5, procedures for Board of Trustees Meeting was approved.
- First Reading Bill 89, Ordinance 05-04, Amend Bill Number 9, Ordinance 90-6, CAAD Committee was approved.
- First Reading, Bill Number 90, Ordinance 05-05, User Charge Ordinance was approved and Ordinance placed in the Village office for public review and comment for not less than thirty (30) days.
- Resignation of the Police Chief effective February 4, 2005 was read by Chair Zalog.
- Police and Safety—Brett Stump reported on meeting held with Sheriff Richard Hill to research various avenues to ensure the safety of the Village. It was noted that all 911 calls for the Village will be handled by Stone County.
- Planning and Zoning Commission—Greg Maycock reported on public hearings and rezoning application (no action taken) and preliminary plat review for the Cliffs and Lantern Bay—no action taken pending review by Village Engineer.
- Board of Public Works—Greg Maycock reviewed information on the 1/8 cent sales tax for Stone County that was removed from the ballot in April and information on HB 1433. He also reminded the Board of the public meeting for the Jakes Creek Trail Project on February 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- Roads—Jim Daily reported work had been completed on Hilltop Lane and other areas in the village. He also noted the damage on Indian Point Road that was done by American Disposal and repairs to be made when weather is suitable.
- CAAD—Kent Turner and the Trustees held discussion on the Trails and a proposal showing a map of the trails, budget and operation and maintenance will be completed.
- Recycling—Request for action as to placement of the donated trailer for paper down by the storage buildings was requested by Betty Fier. It was determined that another site should be located for this trailer. No action was taken. Discussion was held regarding the recycling project, the grant for the concrete slab and fencing to place the trailer by the storage buildings, and the transporting of the trailer to Branson when full. It was determined that the Village would not transport the trailer and that other locations should be sought for the entire project.
- Transportation Coalition—No report.
- Community building was tabled.
- Trustees approved sending the Village Superintendent to the Community Development Conference on June 8th and 9th in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Executive session was called at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- Regular meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m. and Trustees approved retirement benefits for personnel in executive session.
- Second Reading Bill 88, Ordinance Number 05-03, Amend Bill Number 67, Ordinance 03-5, Procedures for Board of Trustees meeting was approved and adopted.
- Second Reading Bill 89, Ordinance 05-04, Amend Bill Number 9, Ordinance 90-6, CAAD Committee was approved and adopted.
- Accounts payable were approved.
- Trustees Comments were made regarding the Village Engineer and length of time to review preliminary plats which was referred to Planning and Zoning.
- Comment from the floor was an update on the Tourism Tax.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission to hold Public Hearing

The Village of Indian Point, Missouri Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 6:45PM at the Treehouse Condominium community room.

The hearing will be held to listen to comments regarding a rezoning

application from Randy & Marilyn Taylor, 2026 Indian Point Road from R-1 to PDD C-2.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and make public comments on the rezoning request.

Copies of the actual minutes of the meeting are in the Village office. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$1.00 per month and the proper forms are available in the office to receive a copy or download the minutes from the website at no charge!

OH—What's Happening?

By: Arno Wehr II

In and around the Village, homeowners whip themselves into a frenzy about commercial development. Though these folks don't own the land, they do feel they have the right to control what is done with the land. Developers also assume because they are adjacent to some vacant land, or they find a nice available parcel, they can build anything they please. Finally, we have existing businesses, our financial golden goose for the Village, getting their emotions in the way of common sense.

Okay, here are the facts. For three years our Village agonized over a planning and zoning document that would be fair to all concerned. Opposition hired lawyers to help redo faulty proposals. Hearings were held and became quite vocal about lot sizes, set backs, how tall, how close, how noisy, ad infinitum. Finally a document was completed. Maps were drawn up and a

commission was formed by ordinance. Then the whole enchilada was approved. We have a planning and zoning regulation and it's available to everyone to read. It is the law!

Sure, laws can be adjusted and changed if it can be shown that a change will cause minimal harm and overall become a Village benefit. Our P&Z Regulations won't appease the gripe about losing a view, or why do "they" have to do "that"? Some folks relish stirring up paranoia.

The Bottom Line is that digging up culverts, running sewage on the ground, shooting deer, infringing on a neighbors land, all the hundreds of other items, are all within the laws of this Village. Now Abe be honest with yourself—As a Village, we will double in population in the next five years. Silver Dollar City is the fantasy theme park, not Indian Point. We will see new services, varied architecture,

maybe a church, and better roads. The gravel, unlighted roads of the 70's, the unrestricted construction with anything goes mentality of the 80's, and the drug pushing unlawful issues of the 90's are gone. What is left isn't Utopia. Hopefully the very few residents who have lived here over 15 years, recognize that control by morning coffee gatherings had to yield to a better structure. The good news is obvious only to the informed residents who find out about the plans for the Village. We will have trails and walks, parks, a community building, better sewer and water facilities, better—safer roads, and a better place to live. None of this will be done by vigilante action by people who want to stop growth or grow over the best interests of the community. If this is all very uncomfortable to you, it is not any different anywhere else—so get past the hang ups and catch the vision of what we can become. You may have to help plant a few flowers, help a committee or two, or run for office without some diverse intent. Fifteen years from now, someone will remember fondly on how you made a positive difference in our Village Life!

Recycling News

By: Betty Fier

PLEASE RECYCLE ONLY ALUMINUM IN THE ALUMINUM RECYCLING SITES LOCATED AT THE COTTAGE, DEER RUN, WHITEWING RESORTS AND TREEHOUSE CONDOMINIUMS. ARE YOU RECYCLING YOUR ALUMINUM?

Do you wish to have an aluminum recycling bin on your property to be collected for the Village Beautification Project? For more information on recycling aluminum contact Betty at 263-0436 or Kathy at the Village office.



CAAD Committee Seeks Members

By: Kent Turner, Chair

The Village's Community Activities and Development Committee ("CAAD") is seeking volunteers to fill three positions for terms of one, two and three years. This committee reports to the Board of Trustees and responsibilities include:

1. Developing projects and programs to improve community awareness, pride and identity;
2. Economic Development; and
3. Improving the quality of life for Village residents and growth for local businesses.

The Enchanted Forest Christmas lighting display was an outgrowth of the committee which was formed in 1990 and has been reactivated in the last year. Subjects such as

beautification, recycling, traffic and area roads, the community building, community activities and festivals, projects with Silver Dollar City, trails and parks are currently being discussed.

Anyone with a background in any of these areas or a strong interest in contributing to these efforts is encouraged to contact Kathy in the Village office for further information.



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Thank You!
By: Arno Wehr II

There is absolutely no way to thank everyone on Indian Point who has worked hard for our community. So if names are missed, you go right ahead and write up your list of credits and send them to Kathy at the Village office. And for the obvious names like Harold Roehrs, who never missed a meeting when in office, or our past Chamber Presidents like Barry, Greg, Ginger, both Arno's, Wilma, Bert, and so on, rest forgive this author and thank them on your own.

Anyway, here are some thanks to a few neighbors because all we normally hear is requests for more help. My top picks at this moment (because the next moment they will change) are as follows:

Buck Tucker, original manager at Rock lane Lodge, made tourism and Indian Point stick like peanut butter and jelly.

For kindness, Ernestine Brewster was always available to run errands, pick up trash, or just lend a sympathetic ear. Grandpa Davis would roll his fire truck around just to pick up anyone who would want to ride. Then Meryl Newton put in 2000 hours of volunteer work at Skaggs hospital. When it came time to pick up trash or anything else heavy, Howard Propst was always there. And if you have a fire, you could count on help from Jim Polk night or day. A lot can be said about John the Diver and his help in any emergency and tack on Barb Richards, who still (limp and all) shows up every time. In fact, I just have to stop because the list is way too long. Floyd Cooper put three years in the Enchanted Forest and just a whole lot of stuff doesn't happen unless Gwen Leman or Jan Hoynacki stir the pot. So hopefully thank you will suffice.

Now what is the purpose of this note? Well, the one thing all these community heroes have in common is they are in various stages of getting older or gone. Today, we have a bushel of new

thank you's waiting for older newcomers, young zealots, and anyone willing to step up and help the numerous Village projects.....Thank you too!!!

2005 has begun with some very attainable Village goals. These include a village center, new police and safety plan, exciting road improvements, parks and trail project, beautification plan, and plans to make our business sector stronger and to balance our needs and better serve the residential side of our community as well.

None of our Village goals can move along without help from our citizens. Everyone who lives here can donate a little something for this new stew. Our village needs you to make history, so come on and roll along toward a wonderful community future. Please join a committee and serve.